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In the Application of:

Tomohito SHIDA

Serial No.: 09/748,374

Group Art Unit: 3622

Confirmation No.: 3846

Filed: December 27, 2000

Examiner: Raquel Alvarez

For: POINT-SERVICE SYSTEM

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is in response to the Requirement for Information Under 37 CFR 1.105 in the Office Action mailed August 30, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 30, 2004. This reply is timely filed on October 29, 2004.

Pursuant to the Office Action, the fee requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 have been waived for documents submitted in reply to the 37 CFR 1.105 requirement.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action is a Requirement for Information Under 37 CFR 1.105. In page 1, items 1 and 2, of the Office Action, the Applicant and the assignee of the above-identified pending US patent application are requested to provide a **full translation** of the Japanese patent (JP 11283127) submitted by the Applicant in the IDS of July 1, 2004. The Examiner has considered the Japanese patent (JP 11283127), including an English Abstract thereof, submitted on July 1, 2004, by signing the submitted PTO Form(s) 1449, as attached to the Office Action. The Examiner suggests that the English Abstract submitted by Applicant seems to be of relevance to the instant claims and therefore, the entire translated document must be

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considered/analyzed.

Accordingly, the Applicant and the assignee respectfully submits in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed concurrently herewith, as a complete reply to the Requirement for Information Under 37 CFR 1.105, a full English translation of the of Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication JP-A 11-283127, dated October 15, 1999, 29 pages.


Consideration and acknowledgement of the same by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

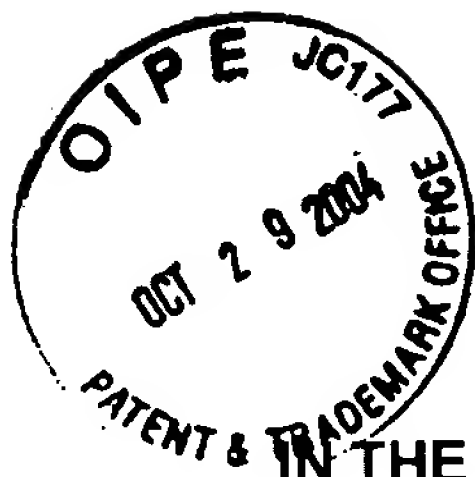
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a. ☒ Form PTO-1449.
- 1b. ☒ Copy(ies) of IDS citation(s), except for U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application publications for applications filed on or after June 30, 2003.
- 1c. ☐ English language copy of a communication(s) from a foreign Patent Office or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d. ☒ English language translation (complete) attached to non-English language publications as indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449.
- 1e. ☐ Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of non-English publications.
- 1f. ☐ List of Copending Applications (ATTACHMENT 1(f), hereto).
- 1g. ☐ List of Additional Submitted Documents (ATTACHMENT 1(g), hereto).

2. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(b):

*(Check either Item 2a or 2b or 2c or 2d)*

- 2a. ☐ Within three months of the filing date of a national application;
- 2b. ☐ Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application.
- 2c. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- 2d. ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114.

3. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c) after the period specified in paragraph 2 above but before the mailing date of any of a Final Office Action under § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, AND

*(Check either Item 3a or 3b; Item 3b to be checked if any reference known for more than 3 months)*

- 3a. ☐ The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; OR  
 3b. ☒ The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is:  
☒ waived pursuant to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2004.  
☐ to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

4. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) after the period specified in paragraph 3 above, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee, AND

- 4a. ☐ The § 1.97(e) Statement in Item 5 below is applicable; AND  
 4b. ☐ The \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is:  
☐ enclosed.  
☐ to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

5. ☐ Statement under § 1.97(e) (*applicable if Item 3a or Item 4a is checked*)

*(Check either Item 5a or 5b)*

- 5a. ☐ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), it is stated that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.  
 5b. ☐ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2), it is stated that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

6. ☐ This is a continuation/divisional/continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).

*(Check appropriate Items 6a and/or 6b)*

- 6a. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were previously cited in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, have been omitted pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d).  
 6b. ☐ Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were not previously cited in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_, and which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date for the subject application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are provided herewith.


7. ☐ This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.  
(Check either Item 7a or 7b)
- 7a. ☐ The Issue Fee has not been paid.
- 7b. ☐ A Petition to Withdraw from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313(c) is filed concurrently herewith or has been granted. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114, after payment of the Issue Fee, is proper in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.114(a), respectively.
8. ☐ This is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.  
(Check either Item 8a or 8b)
- 8a. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(f) supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed on \_\_\_\_\_. A bona fide attempt was made to comply with 37 CFR § 1.98, but inadvertent omissions were made. These omissions have been corrected herein. Accordingly, additional time is requested so that this Supplemental IDS can be considered as if properly filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8b. ☐ This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed within one (1) month of the Notice under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, mailed \_\_\_\_\_.
9. ☒ In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:  
(Check appropriate Items 9a, 9b, 9c and/or 9d)
- 9a. ☐ satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) cited on the enclosed "English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office". (See MPEP § 609, Minimum Requirements for an Information Disclosure Statement, Part A(3): Concise Explanation of Relevance, 8th Ed., Rev. 2)
- 9b. ☐ set forth in the application.
- 9c. ☒ satisfied for the non-English language publication(s) indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449 as having an English language translation (complete) attached thereto.
- 9d. ☐ enclosed as Attachment 1(e), hereto.
10. No admission is made that the information cited in this Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability nor a representation that a search has been made (other than search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report, if submitted herewith). 37 CFR §§ 1.97(g) and (h).

11. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17 for this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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FORM PTO-1449  U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  <b>LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. <b>1466.1024</b>	APPLICATION NO. <b>09/748,374</b>
	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR <b>Tomohito SHIDA</b>	
	FILING DATE <b>December 27, 2000</b>	GROUP ART UNIT <b>3622</b>

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
	AA						
	AB						
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION YES NO		ABSTRACT
	AG	11-283127	10/15/1999	Japan	YES		
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**OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

							TRANSLATION YES NO	
	AL	Full English translation of Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication JP-A 11-283127, dated October 15, 1999, 29 pages.					Yes	
	AM							

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
<b>*EXAMINER:</b> Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	